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Art Unit: 3726

Examiner:
Compton, Eric B.

Title: "Nitinol Bearings"

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated January 30, 2004, rejecting claims 1-10 and 12-20.

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Sir;

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks

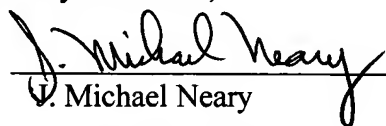
In the outstanding Office Action dated January 30, 2004, the Examiner asserted that Applicant has not complied with the conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing under 35 USC 120. Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner's attention to his Declaration in which the priority is claimed, and to the Filing Receipt in which the claim for priority is acknowledged by the PTO. Finally, Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner's attention to MPEP

¶201.11(IIID), which contains the following text:

The reference required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) or (a)(5) must be included in an ADS or the specification must contain or be amended to contain such reference in the first sentence following the title. If an applicant includes a benefit claim in the application but not in the manner specified by 37 CFR 1.78(a) (e.g., if the claim is included in an oath or declaration or the application transmittal letter) within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a), the Office will not require a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) to correct the claim if the information concerning the claim was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the filing receipt.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that his amendment to the specification inserting the identification of the prior applications on which he is asserting priority is proper, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve admission of the amendment to the first paragraph of the specification submitted with Applicant's Amendment dated Dec. 10, 2003.

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